a power unit to generate electricity from the wind energy at 'Chettali' Kerala;

(b) whether any other power unit based on non-conventional energy sources is being set up in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A 100 KW grid-connected wind electric generator was commissioned in Kerala for demonstration purposes. After overcoming initial teething problems, the machine is reported to be functioning satisfactorily.

(b) and (c). Two micro hydel plants each of 10 KW capacity are under implementation at Sugandhagiri Cardamom plantation and Pookot dairy; 2 Nos. of 100 KW capacity gasifier units have been sanctioned for electricity generation; 215 solar photovoltaic systems have so far been installed in the state for lighting, water pumping, television, battery charging, etc.; and experimental 150 KW wave power project is being set up off the coast of Kerala.

[*Translation*]

Re-Name of Sahar International Airport

2893. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to change the name of Sahar International Airport at Bombay to Chhatarpati Shivaji Airport;

(b) if so, when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). No such proposal is presently engaging the consideration of the Government.

Payment of Cess by Coal Companies

2894. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:
SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of cess received by the various companies of the coal India Limited since 1985, year-wise;

(b) the percentage of this cess provided or being provided to the State Governments;

(c) whether this amount has not been released to the Government of Bihar;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount given to the Government of Bihar;

(e) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(f) whether the Union Government proposed to issue instructions to the Coal India Limited in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). The amount of cess collected by the Coal companies of Coal India Limited is as under:-

Year	*Rs. (crores)*
1985-86	418.92
1986-87	522.18
1987-88	648.54
1988-89	968.65
1989-90	995.47

The cess collected was being passed on to the concerned State Governments.

(c) and (d). The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) and (f). The Ranchi Bench of Patna High Court struck down the State Cess Act in their judgement dated 6.11.1990. It also held that the petitioners were entitled to refund of cess from 25.10.1989. The State of Bihar filed an appeal in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court had not passed any order staying operation of the judgement of the High Court. However in their judgement dated 4.4.1991, the Supreme Court, interalia, held that although the levy of cess was unconstitutional, there should be no direction to refund to the assesses of any amount of the cess collected till the date on which the levy had been declared unconstitutional. In case of Bihar, this date is 4.4.1991.

Coal Companies had discontinued collection of cess on the basis of judgement dated 6.11.1990 of High Court. Coal India Limited has field an application before the Supreme Court seeking clarification for overcoming the difficulties. Since the matter is subjudice, no instruction in regard to payment of cess to Government of Bihar has been issued.

[*English*]

Amenities for Passengers at Reservation Hall at Patna Junction

2895. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of computers provided for reservation of tickets at Patna Junction are inadequate to meet the demands of the passengers;

(b) whether the basic passenger amenities in the reservation hall are also inadequate and mismanaged causing inconveniences; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to remove the difficulties of passengers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The reservation system at Patna has been in the process of being computerised. There have been some inconveniences caused to passengers during the transition phase. These are being removed. The number of computerised counters have already been increased to 12 which are considered to be adequate. The staff are also going through learning process to provide faster service. The amenities in the passenger hall are also proposed to be improved by providing facilities such as exhaust fans, air coolers etc.

[*Translation*]

Sale of Substandard Eatables at Bombay and Nagpur

2896. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that sub-standard eatables are being sold at railway stations between Bombay and Nagpur; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the quality of these items?